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	:	Examiner: MATTHEWS, William H.
PENN, Ian M., et al.)	
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Appln. No. 10/849,990)	
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STATEMENT RE LITIGATION AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the attached documents for the Examiner's consideration in this application.

MPEP 2001.06(c) suggests that Applicants advise the USPTO when "the subject matter for which a patent is being sought is or has been involved in litigation, the existence of such litigation and any other material information arising therefrom."

1. On January 28, 2002, an entity named IsoStent sued, among others, the then-assignee of a predecessor of the subject application, DivYsio Solutions ULC, and the inventors of the subject application, Drs. Penn and Ricci, in a California state court, alleging, *inter alia*, misappropriation of trade secrets by DivYsio and Drs. Penn and Ricci¹. No claim was made under the patent statutes, 35 USC. That litigation proceeded to trial, which concluded in late 2004 with a complete vindication of DivYsio and Drs. Penn and Ricci, by the Jury and then by the trial Judge sitting in equity².

While Applicants believe that the subject matter of the present application was not involved in that litigation, out of an overabundance of caution, and without any admission that any of the disclosed information is "material" within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby make of record the existence of that litigation together with certain relevant documents therefrom. Out of consideration for the Examiner, all of the voluminous files of that litigation are not being submitted herewith. However, should the Examiner wish to see any other documentation related to the litigation (for example, discovery materials such as Interrogatories, Document Requests, Requests for Admissions, and any responses thereto), such will be provided promptly (subject to the provisions of the Protective Order in that case). Further, the undersigned remains available for personal and/or telephone interviews should the Examiner believe that such would assist him in his examination of the subject application.

¹ See the *IsoStent LLP v. LPL Systems, Inc. et al.* Complaint, attached.

² See, for example, the *Court's Judgment After Jury Verdict and Order Granting Defendants DivYsio Solutions ULC, Ian Penn and Donald Ricci's Costs as the Prevailing Parties*, attached.

2. On February 15, 2006, the assignee of the subject application, evYsio Medical Devices ULC, among others, filed a patent infringement suit against Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc., et al.³ In that suit, plaintiffs allege, *inter alia*, infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,858,037, which although not directly related to the present application, shares a common disclosure and drawings therewith and claims priority to the same four Canadian patent applications.

Without any admission that the subject matter of the present application is involved in this litigation, or that any of the disclosed information is “material” within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby make of record the existence of this litigation together with certain relevant documents therefrom. Likewise, all of the litigation documents will not be submitted herewith, out of consideration for the Examiner. Again, should the Examiner wish to see any other documentation related to the litigation, such will be provided promptly (subject to the provisions of any Protective Order in that case). Likewise, the undersigned remains available for personal and/or telephone interviews should the Examiner believe that such would assist him in his examination of the subject application. Lastly, since this litigation is still ongoing, Applicants may supplement this Statement and Information Disclosure Statement from time to time.

3. Applicants also wish to advise the Examiner of the following patents and pending patent applications which, while not directly related to the subject

³ See *Medtronic Vascular, Inc., v. Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.* Answer, attached

application, share a common disclosure and drawings therewith and claim priority to the same four Canadian patent applications:

USP 6,217,608, issued April 17, 2001;

USP 6,375,677, issued April 23, 2002;

USP 6,858,037, issued February 22, 2005;

USP 6,881,223, issued April 19, 2005;

USP 6,887,264, issued May 3, 2005;

USP 6,796,997, issued September 28, 2004;

USAN 10/850,397, filed May 21, 2004; and

USAN 10/761,459, filed January 22, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the attached documents listed on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. It is respectfully requested that the attached information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114. It is believed that neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Bauer", written over a horizontal line.

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		First Amended Complaint for Case No. CV 1-02-804863 in the Superior Court for the State of California in and for the City of Santa Clara, March 21, 2002	
		Second Amended Complaint for Case No. CV 1-02-804863 in the Superior Court for the State of California in and for the City of Santa Clara, April 15, 2002	
		Deposition of Donald Ricci for Case No. CV 1-02-804863 in the Superior Court for the State of California in and for the City of Santa Clara, December 19, 2002	
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		Defendants Divysio Solutions ULC, Donald Ricci and Ian Penn's Trial Brief for Case No. CV 1-02-804863 in the Superior Court for the State of California in and for the City of Santa Clara, August 23, 2004	
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		Fax Cover page and Isostents's Notice of Motion And Motion For New Trial for Case No. CV 1-02-804863 in the Superior Court for the State of California in and for the City of Santa Clara, October 18, 2004	
		Declaration of Alicia N. Vaz In Support Of Defendants' Joint Opposition To Plaintiff's Motion for Equitable Relief for Case No. CV 1-02-804863 in the Superior Court for the State of California in and for the City of Santa Clara, November 18, 2004	
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